

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

Mon 25th Yr 11 Additional Science &
Biology Modules (pm)
Yr 9 G & T trip to Cambridge

Wed 27th School Council Meeting
Yr 11 Additional Science &
Chemistry Module (pm)

Thu 28th Consultation afternoon for 6th
Form students and parents
2.00pm - 6.00pm
SCHOOL CLOSERS AT 1.00 PM

The first proposal is that the Council will conduct a review of the current bus routes to see if any changes can be made and the second is to remove the entitlement to school transport for those who attend Manshead on denominational grounds.

The Council are conducting a consultation exercise on these proposals (and a few others) and are asking people to make responses. We have made a response as a school as we would very much like to continue with the existing arrangements. I would urge parents to look at the proposals and respond to the consultation. The documents can be found at

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations/transport-consultation.aspx

WEEK B

Mon 1st Feb Imperial War Museum History trip

Wed 3rd Yr 10 Reports sent out
January exam season ends
Governors Finance Meeting

Thu 4th Yr 11 Drama Mock exam (P1 -4)
Yr 9 – 11 Intermediate Maths
Challenge

Fri 5th Deadline for 6th form applications
to be returned
Yr 11 History - Medicine through
time

Jim Parker
Headteacher

ENGLISH STUDENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Tuesday to Friday Lunchtimes

The English Department is offering 30 minutes help to all students wanting to do the following:

- A) improve/catch up with coursework
- B) improve/catch up with homework

Each year group has been allocated different lunch times so numbers will be small - you will have the opportunity of 1:1 help.

Ask your class teacher for details of where and when.

Make the most of your time and bring your lunch with you!

Mrs R Fletcher
Learning Manager English

Many students come to Manshead School each day by bus. The school transport is provided by the Council for students who live within the catchment area but over a certain distance from school. Some students who come to the school because they wish to come to a Church of England School are also able to use the school transport service. Central Bedfordshire Council are undertaking a review of school transport in order to save some money. There are two main proposals that may affect some students and parents.

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Please call in before 9.00am every day of absence

NEWS FROM DOWNSIDE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Please be aware of the Downside page on the Council's website.

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/community-and-living/priority-neighbourhoods/downside.aspx>

On this page is the Downside Estate Plan which is being reviewed. There is still time to send in feedback. We value your input.

Also further down the same page, please be aware of the next Downside Forum, 27th January at St Augustines, 6pm - 8 pm where the concerns of residents can be openly discussed with relevant officers from the Police, Council etc. Come and be heard!

And lastly at the bottom are all the Downside magazines including the latest Jan-Feb edition.
http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/images/Downside%20Magazine%20Jan2010_tcm5-24864.pdf

Celia Donald
Community Development Officer (Downside)
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YEAR 9 - ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Year 9 Students will be asked to choose a new enrichment activity in a few weeks time. Below is information about the 'Paddle Power'- Introduction to Kayaking.

The Paddle Power courses are designed to teach the basic canoeing techniques and to encourage confidence in the water through games and other fun exercises. Based at a local swimming pool you will have lots of fun and get thoroughly wet. All equipment will be provided. This course will be run with a teacher from school and qualified BCU coach. This course is open to all students of all abilities, you must be able to swim 50 meters and feel confident in water. For this seven week course the cost will be £30 per students. Interested? Why not check out the photo's in A Block.

Mr J Young
Learning Manager Food Technology

"I have chosen for my enrichment kayaking. I have had lots of fun and learnt a lot, I believe it is one of the best enrichments at Manshead. We go to a local swimming pool and get very wet"

George Galbraith Year 9

RECOMMENDED SCIENCE-FICTION BOOK SERIES

This quartet of books has been highly recommended by a Year 10 student.

Uglies; Pretties; Specials and Extras **by Scott Westerfield**

When you are 16 everybody gets transformed from a repellent Ugly into a stunningly attractive Pretty and your only job is to have a great time – sounds great but Shay isn't sure she wants to be Pretty and she runs away. Her friend Tally learns about a whole new side of the Pretty world and it isn't very pretty.

She is given the choice by the authorities to find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all.

The choice Tally makes changes her world forever.

All 4 books are available to borrow from your school library.

Mrs S Yates
Librarian

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CaSE4

312 Manor Road,
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4 January 2010

Manshead School
05 JAN 2010

Mr Jim Parker
Head Teacher
Manshead Upper School
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Dear Mr Parker

Following the well-attended public meetings in Caddington & Slip End about the proposal to build thousands of houses across 800 acres of the Green Belt to the West of Luton, an Action Committee has been formed to take forward the response of local residents to the development known as Bushwood Green. We have adopted the identity 'CaSE4' – which stands for ***Caddington and Slip End parishes fighting for our communities***.

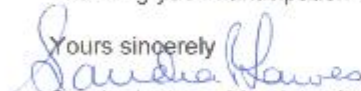
We regard this as the biggest threat the villages of Aley Green, Chaul End, Caddington and Slip End have faced in 50 years. There is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of residents in the parishes of Caddington and Slip End are totally opposed to the proposals. The effect on our communities, the local infrastructure and our very way of life would be massive.

The Action Committee is keen to involve all parts of the local communities in the fight against this proposed development. We believe that young people would be greatly affected if the development goes ahead and that their voices should be heard. On behalf of the Committee, I have been asked to write to you to ask for your help in helping the young people who attend Manshead School to understand what is at stake and by expressing their views, to play their part in the local campaign.

In the first instance, we would like to ask you to ask the young people to write and draw pictures about what they value about village life and what they could lose if this massive development goes ahead. If they would like to send the articles and drawings to us, the best ones will be published on our website which is to be launched soon.

Later in the campaign there will be other ways that the pupils can become involved in this issue and we will contact you again with details in due course.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely


Sandra Lawes - Member of the CaSE4 Action Committee
CC: Lynne James – Secretary CaSE4 Action Committee